

**PHARMACY BOARD[657]**

**Adopted and Filed**

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code sections 124.301 and 147.76, the Board of Pharmacy hereby amends Chapter 21, “Electronic Data in Pharmacy Practice,” Iowa Administrative Code.

This amendment strikes the final sentence in subrule 21.8(4). The sentence was intended to enforce the requirement that a prescription that is created and transmitted electronically must be maintained by the pharmacy as an electronic record and that a printed hard copy of the electronic prescription cannot replace the electronic record as the original prescription record. The sentence has been misinterpreted to prohibit the printing of an electronically created and transmitted prescription.

Requests for waiver or variance of the discretionary provisions of these rules will be considered pursuant to 657—Chapter 34.

Notice of Intended Action was published in the April 13, 2016, Iowa Administrative Bulletin as **ARC 2498C**. The Board received no written comments regarding the proposed amendment. The adopted amendment is identical to that published under Notice.

This amendment was approved during the June 30, 2016, meeting of the Board of Pharmacy.

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 124.301, 124.306, 124.308, 155A.27, and 155A.35.

This amendment will become effective on September 7, 2016.

The following amendment is adopted.

Amend subrule 21.8(4) as follows:

**21.8(4) *Original prescription.*** The electronic transmission shall be deemed the original prescription drug order provided it meets the requirements of this rule. The electronic transmission of a prescription drug order for a controlled substance shall meet all requirements of the DEA for electronic prescribing. An electronically prepared and transmitted prescription shall be maintained electronically in the prescriber’s electronic prescription application and the pharmacy prescription application for a minimum period of two years following the date of last activity on that prescription record. ~~Once a prescription is created and transmitted electronically, the prescription record shall not be printed and retained as a hard-copy record.~~

[Filed 7/11/16, effective 9/7/16]

[Published 8/3/16]

EDITOR’S NOTE: For replacement pages for IAC, see IAC Supplement 8/3/16.